

THE SERVICE OF DEDICATION

TO BE HELD IN LONDON
AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL
ON MONDAY, JUNE THE TWENTY-SECOND
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX



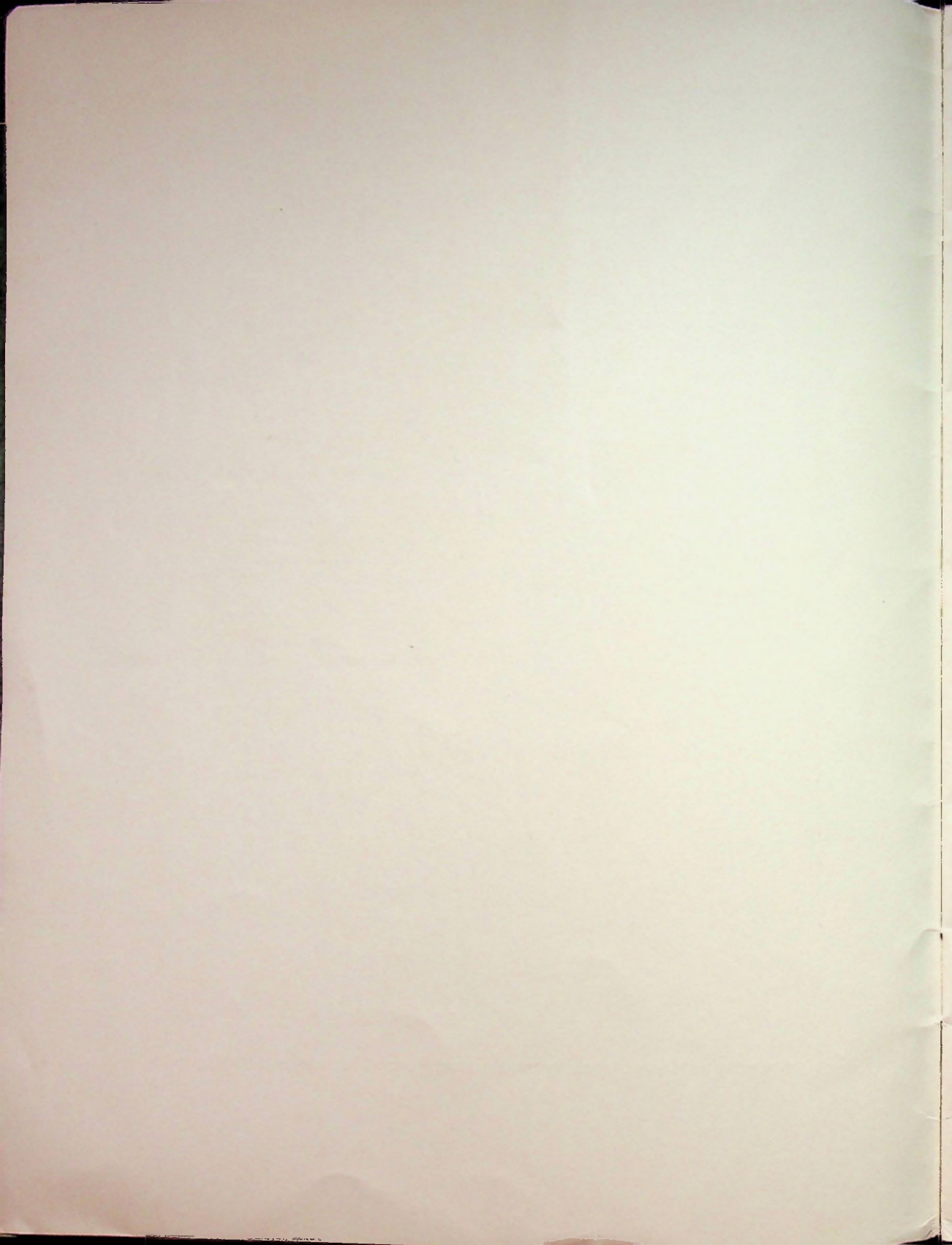
THE COMING-OF-AGE
FESTIVAL OF TOC H



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IN LONDON ON JUNE 22, MCMXXXVI





II, ESDRAS saw upon the Mount Sion a great multitude, whom I could not number, and they all praised the Lord with songs.

And in the midst of them there was a young man of a high stature, taller than all the rest, and upon every one of their heads he set crowns and was most exalted ; whereat I marvelled greatly.

So I asked the angel, and said, Sir, what are these ? He answered and said unto me, These be they that have put off the mortal clothing, and put on the immortal, and have confessed the name of God : now are they crowned, and receive palms.

Then said I unto the angel, What young man is he that crowneth them, and giveth them palms in their hands ? So he answered and said unto me, It is the Son of God, whom they have confessed in the world.

Then began I greatly to commend them that stood so stiffly for the name of the Lord.

Then the angel said unto me, Go thy way, and tell my people what manner of things, and how great wonders of the Lord thy God thou hast seen.

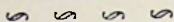
II *Esdras*, 2, 42-48.

PREFACE

For all who in this Service of Dedication would take their part, these thoughts may serve in reverent preparation.

WE MEET together to celebrate the Coming-of-Age of Toc H and to dedicate ourselves to the new duties and opportunities which our growth in experience and strength present to us.

And no place is more fit to receive this our consecration and to send it out again with new faith and hope on its world-wide mission than this great Church.



FIRST, as to the purpose of this Service—

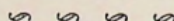
This Service begins our week of Dedication. It is therefore occupied with those foundations without which this offering of ourselves may only too easily waste itself in a passing enthusiasm or in empty aspirations or be directed to some man-made purposes and not to the hallowing of God's Name, the increase of his Kingdom and the doing of his Will.

Our first thoughts then will be of God's greatness and glory, of our own littleness and sins and of the need of his Grace :

Then let us offer ourselves :

And finally with trembling awe and loving admiration steadfastly set before ourselves the uttermost of God's demands and how the One, True, Perfect Offering fulfilled them.

May that Vision dwell in our hearts to purify, kindle and ennoble them.

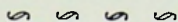


SECONDLY, as to the conduct of this Service—

This is not to be a Service done for us and which we attend. It is the meeting of our Family and the whole Service is the business of each of us. We are the ministers of it. It is our consecration of ourselves, and each of us must think, act and move at each moment as one entirely occupied in God's high service. *We are on duty in the Court of God.*

The size of the congregation and of the Church and also its acoustics will make united action difficult. It is necessary, therefore, to mention some details of conduct, the observance of which will go a long way to overcome these difficulties.

1. Please follow the Service in the book with attention. It contains your thoughts and words as well as those publicly spoken. To help attention the Service will be conducted from different positions in the Church, that all may be able to hear some parts without strain of listening.
2. Please speak each word of your part clearly and decisively, as answering before the Throne of God.
3. Please make as little noise as possible. When you move to kneel, stand or sit, or for any other purpose, do so with the simplest and fewest movements ; and do it promptly, that the period of the noise of movement may be as short as possible. Turn the pages of this book without rustling. Be still—the voice of God is heard in quietness.



AND THIRDLY, as the first act of your part in this Service—

Kneel and silently say this prayer ; for so each will join with all in preparing himself for the united act of dedication.

O THOU, who camest from above
The pure celestial fire to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze,
And trembling to its source return
In humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesu, confirm my heart's desire
To work and speak and think for thee,
Still let me guard the holy fire
And still stir up thy gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat,
Till death thy endless mercies seal
And make the sacrifice complete.

(Charles Wesley, 1707-1788.)

OUR FATHER, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name ; Thy kingdom come ; Thy will be done, in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; But deliver us from evil : For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

THE HYMNS.

"Come, kindred, upstand" (P. B. Clayton)—Tune by Richard Strutt; *Toc H Song Book*, vii.

"Just as I am, Thine own to be" (Marianne Farningham)—Tune: "Saffron Walden" by A. H. Brown; *English Hymnal* 316.

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" (John Greenleaf Whittier)—Tune: "Repton" by Sir Hubert Parry; *Songs of Praise*, 481.

"When I survey the wondrous Cross" (Isaac Watts)—Tune: "Rockingham" by Edward Miller; *Hymns A. and M.*, 108; *English Hymnal*, 107.

THE SERVICE

PART ONE.

In which we prepare ourselves by praise, humility, penitence and prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit, that we may offer ourselves for whatever God may have for us to do.

COME, Kindred, upstand in the valour of Jesus,
And praise him and plight him the troth of true men,
His yoke we are breasting together will ease us
When back at the pick and the lathe and the pen.

How honest his harness! O be ye then humble
To know that he gives us a thing to be done!
Let us laugh at each set-back, and learn from each stumble,
With his hand to help us, his light leading on.

The mists that lay round us are thinning and breaking,
The road it runs up to the dawn on the hills,
Trudge on with your tools to your great undertaking—
To lighten the load of young Everyman's ills.

Trudge on, singing praise for a spirit twice gifted
Through lads in the line from their Lord on his Tree.
As strong stars at midnight, his Lamp they up-lifted,
And strode to their task like tall ships running free.

We are debtors to them, who with Lamps ever burning
Foregather this instant in heed to his call.
Re-union they brought us by never returning,
And homeless, they builded a House for us all.

(All will now sit.)

PRAISE

Our first duty is to worship God, to praise him for what he is in himself, and that he has brought us to this twenty-first birthday of Toc H.

Isaiah LXIII, vv. 7 to 9, and 16.

I WILL mention the loving-kindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving-kindnesses.

For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie: so he was their Saviour.

In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

Thou, O Lord, art our father, our redeemer; thy name is from everlasting.

(All will now kneel.)

✠ BLESSED art thou, O Lord, thou God of our fathers,
Rz To be praised and exalted above all for ever.
✠ Blessed is thy glorious and holy Name,
Rz To be praised and exalted above all for ever.
✠ Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holy glory,
Rz To be praised and exalted above all for ever.
✠ Blessed art thou on the throne of the Kingdom,
Rz To be praised and exalted above all for ever.
✠ Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven,
Rz To be praised and exalted above all for ever.

The Prayer for Toc H, in which all join:

O GOD, who hast so wonderfully made Toc H, and set men in it to see their duty as thy will, teach us to live together in love and joy and peace; to check all bitterness; to disown discouragement; to practise thanksgiving, and to leap with joy to any task for others.

Strengthen the good thing thus begun; that, with gallant and high-hearted happiness, we may work for thy Kingdom in the wills of men. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(All will now sit.)

HUMILITY

God has given us all things, our abilities, our strength, our opportunities, all that we have and are. Our next duty is humbly to receive all things at his hands, and especially at this time our fellowship in ToC H and each of us his place of service in it.

I Chronicles XXIX, vv. 10 to 14.

WHEREFORE David blessed the Lord before all the congregation; and David said, Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel our father, for ever and ever.

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty : for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.

But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? For all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

(All will now kneel.)

LET us receive our society at God's hands.

✠ Thine, O Father, is the Kingdom, the power and the glory,

Rz Yea, thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory.

✠ Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt and planted it. Thou madest room for it, and it filled the land. She stretched out her branches unto the sea and her boughs unto the river.

Rz Yea, thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory.

✠ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

Rz Yea, thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory.

AND now let each offer himself for God's service.

✠ Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

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✠ Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I shall be baptized with?

Rz Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

✠ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

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LORD, give us strength to maintain our Light in all good faith and brotherly conduct, in service from the elder to the younger, the strong to the weak, the hale to the sick, the richer to the poorer, the friendly to the lonely; remembering always the lives that first fed the Light, and above all, the Life of him who is the Light of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(All will now sit.)

PENITENCE AND GRACE

Of ourselves we cannot use God's gifts aright. We fail, sometimes by mistake, often by choice. As sinners let us ask him for his help, that by the inspiration of his Holy Spirit our service may be faithful. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

Isaiah VI, vv. 1 to 3, and 5 to 8.

IN the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: and one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.

Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

(All will now kneel.)

- Y **HAVE** mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness,
Rz According to the multitude of thy mercies, do away mine offences.
Y Make me a clean heart, O God,
Rz And renew a right spirit within me.
Y Cast me not away from thy presence,
Rz And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
Y O give me the comfort of thy help again,
Rz And stablish me with thy free Spirit.
Y O be favourable and gracious unto Sion;
Rz Build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

O stablish us, *(All join in)* according to thy word, that we may live; and let us not be disappointed of our hope.

LORD, at thy feet we lay the work of past years, with thankfulness for the good, with penitence for all that missed the mark.

From thy hands we receive the promise of the future. Light thou the flame in our hearts and thy Will shall be done.

All repeat: O stablish us according to thy word, that we may live;
and let us not be disappointed of our hope.

PART TWO

*In which His Grace the Archbishop of York sets forth our duties
and summons us to perform them.*

JUST as I am, thine own to be,
Friend of the young, who lovest me,
To consecrate myself to thee,
O Jesus Christ—I come.

In the glad morning of my day,
My life to give, my vows to pay,
With no reserves and no delay—
With all my heart, I come.

I would live ever in the light,
I would work ever for the right,
I would serve thee with all my might—
Therefore to thee I come.

Just as I am, young, strong and free,
To be the best that I can be,
For truth and righteousness and thee,
Lord of my life—I come.

THE SERMON.

DEAR Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways !
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee !
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love !

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease ;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.
Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm ;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire ;
Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm !

PART THREE

THE ACT OF DEDICATION.

The Archbishop bids the congregation kneel in silence before the renewing of the resolve to live a life of wholehearted service, which each member will make for himself and for the whole fellowship of ToC H.

Now stand to renew your resolution.

I BID you remember with gratitude how God used the Old House to bring home to multitudes of men that behind the ebb and flow of things temporal stand the eternal realities, and to send them forth strengthened to fight at all costs for the setting up of his Kingdom upon earth.

Do you now pledge yourselves to strive—

To listen now and always for the voice of God ?

R^y We do.

To know his Will revealed in Christ and to do it fearlessly, reckoning nothing of the world's opinion or its successes for yourselves or this your family ?

R^y We do.

And towards this end,
To think fairly,
To love widely,
To witness humbly,
To build bravely ?

R^y We do.

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works.

R^y And glorify our Father which is in heaven.

THAT was the true Light, which lighteneth every man that cometh into the world. If any man serve him, let him follow him, and where he is, there shall also his servant be.

THE PASSION OF THE LORD.

(All stand erect and attentive as they listen to the story of his perfect and entire Sacrifice.)

WHEN the morning was come, they bound Jesus and led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor. And Jesus stood before the governor : and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews ? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest. Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee ? And he answered him to never a word ; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.

Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas. Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you ? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ ? But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you ? They said, Barabbas. Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified. And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done ? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

Then released he Barabbas unto them ; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand : and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews ! And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.

And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, they gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall : and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots. And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, and saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself : if thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. He saved others ; himself he cannot save : if he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God ; let him deliver him now, if he will have him ; for he said, I am the Son of God.

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias. And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink.

Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

*(All kneel and remain so till after the Blessing of their
surrender to God's purpose.)*

Now when the centurion and they that were with him saw those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.



If any man serve him, let him follow him; and
where he is, there shall also his servant be.

*Then shall be said quietly and slowly by those members of
Toc H who have prepared themselves to do so in all sincerity:*

O Lord Jesus,
I give thee my body,
My soul,
My substance,
My fame,
My friends,
My liberty,
My life,
Dispose of me,
And all that is mine,
As it seemeth best to thee,
And to the glory of thy Name.

Amen.

REMEMBER, O Lord, what thou hast wrought in these men and not what they deserve, and as thou hast called them to thy service, make them worthy of thy calling.

*The Archbishop will give a Blessing on their surrender,
after which silence will be kept for a space.*

*Then will the Congregation sit and those who care to do so
will make their offering to God for the building of Toc H.*

PART FOUR

THE DISMISSAL BY THE FOUNDER PADRE

WHEN I survey the wondrous Cross,
Where the young Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God ;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down ;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown ?

His dying crimson like a robe,
Spreads o'er his body on the tree ;
Then am I dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small ;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

The congregation will remain standing, while the Founder Padre dismisses them, first reading thus from the Nineteenth Chapter of the Book of the Revelation of Saint John the Divine :

AND I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse ; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns ; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood ; and his name is called The Word of God.

And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

May the King of Kings and Lord of Lords
Rule our hearts and guide our ways ;
Hallow our service and strengthen our resolve.

And so let us depart.

R/ In the Name of Christ our Lord. Amen.





